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TO:

The Board

FROM:

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DATE:

August 26, 1994

RE:

1995 BOARD REQUESTED LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

As has been indicated earlier, the 1995 Board Legislative Package is rapidly nearing completion and will be available for your review and discussion Tuesday, August 30, 1994 during the staff meeting period I have scheduled.

On Wednesday, August 31, the Board will need to formally adopt the package at a public meeting. This gives me Thursday and Friday to clean up any problem areas, get them to the Code Reviser for final copy work so the package may be submitted to OFM on schedule on Tuesday, September 6. 1994.

The package will contain the following items:

## Z-0214.1/95 Omnibus Bill Making Improvements to the Licensing Section of the Liquor Act.

Composed of seven sections, the omnibus bill will cover:

- 1. Amending RCW 66.24.010(2) allowing the Board to designate someone to approve liquor licenses; and, RCW 66.24.010(11) eliminating temporary operating permits from being used for transfers of licenses.
- 2. Amending RCW 66.24.025 to repeal transfers of licenses and require instead that such actions be new applications.
- 3. Amending RCW 66.24.210 to repeal the revenue stamp mandate since such stamps are no longer in use nor have they been for the past decade. (housekeeping)
- 4. Amending RCW 66.24.290 and 300 to eliminate the need for tax stamps since they have not been used for the past decade. (housekeeping)
- 5. Amending RCW 66.24.320 and 330 to remove the 7 3/4 gallon limitation on what can be sold since keg registration covers anything four gallons or more. (housekeeping)

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- 6. Amending RCW 66.24.490 to eliminate the one day (\$25) class I license fee which was inadvertently left in last session's legislation on an annual class I license. (housekeeping)
- 7. Amending RCW 66.28.110 to eliminate the need for alcohol content to be listed on wine when the product is classified as "table wine". Observe federal regulations since that is what the Board uses for label approvals anyway.

## Z-XXXX.1/95 Omnibus Bill Making Improvements to the Enforcement Sections of the Liquor Act.

Composed of four sections, the omnibus bill will cover:

- 1. Amending RCW 66.12.120 to allow for private citizens to import from another state no more than two liters of spirits or wine or 288 ounces of beer once each month for personal use.
- 2. Amending RCW 66.16.040 to allow for ANY military ID card to be acceptable for proof of age. Current restriction is active duty only.
- 3. Creating a new section providing for a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those violating liquor laws/regs.
- 4. Amending RCW 66.28.042 and 043 to remove the sunset clause on trade spending statutes.
- Z-XXXX.1/95 Amending RCW 70.155.110 to authorize the Board to adopt rules for tobacco enforcement. (Clarifies the Board's authority to make rule.)
- Z-0196.1/95 Amending RCW 66.28.180 to eliminate mandatory price postings as they exist now and create a different procedure for obtaining same information.
- Z-0010.2/95 Amending RCW 41.06.070 to remove liquor vendors from personnel appeals jurisdiction. Also authorize vendors to purchase, at their expense, medical insurance, through state group rates.

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Z-0215.1/95 Amending "tied house" statutes to allow for A, B, C, D or H licensees to apply for either a brewery or domestic winery license.

Z-XXX.1/95 Mandatory Server Training (basic draft to keep it alive as further work is done w/Licensed Beverage Association/Restaurant Association, etc.)

The actual language is being finalized by the Code Reviser's Office at this time and should be available for the Tuesday meeting. The omnibus bills were designed to group specific changes which would be relatively non-controversial. Anything which might "bog-down" the omnibus bills was kept as an individual bill.

Fiscal notes are being developed now and should also be available on Tuesday for your review.

I expect the Tuesday session should take no more than one hour, perhaps much less as very little of what is being proposed should be of a controversial nature among the three of you. The majority of the time will probably be spent discussing price postings, compensation for information and server training.

By copy of this memo, the Assistant Directors involved in recommending these proposals are advised of the Tuesday session. As soon as a time is given, I'll contact everyone who has a vested interest in the specific elements being covered. Assistant Directors are urged to attend in order to respond to any questions which might not be covered in the documentation.

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